

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Philip Shopodock Tribal Chairman Forest County Potawatomi Community P.O. Box 340 Crandon, Wisconsin 54520

Dear Tribal Chairman Shopodock:

Thank you for your March 12, 2009, letter submitting the recommendations on air quality designations for the national 8-hour ground-level ozone standard for the Forest County Potawatomi Community. As Air and Radiation Division Director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 5 office, I am responding to your letter.

EPA will carefully review the recommendations and work with both states and tribes in determining final ozone nonattainment areas and their boundaries. Once EPA completes the review, both states and tribes will be notified in writing of any changes that EPA plans to make. Pursuant to requirements of the Clean Air Act for promulgation of ozone designations, notification will be made prior to November 12, 2009; this date corresponds to 120 days prior to the publication of final ozone designations. At that time, states and tribes will have the opportunity to respond to any suggested modifications, and EPA will issue final designations no later than March 12, 2010.

EPA looks forward to working with the Forest County Potawatomi Community to develop designations for the 8-hour ozone standard. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or have your staff contact Benjamin Giwojna at (312) 886-0247.

Sincerely,

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